



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2461 - SB 2363

March 7, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (015001): Authorizes the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) to be administered in a timed format. Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to establish the required time limit for each TCAP test and an optional additional time period if requested by a student. Prohibits a tests administrator from providing the optional additional time period if it invalidates the results of the test. Applies to tests administered in the 2022-23 and subsequent school years.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The Department of Education (DOE) currently requires schools to administer several assessments that are required to comply with state and federal law and SBE policy; this includes: statewide summative achievements tests, English Learner assessments, college readiness assessments, and diagnostic and universal screening assessments.
- Existing federal and state laws allow students with a documented individualized education plan (IEP), individualized learning plan (ILP) or 504 plan to receive additional time to complete the assessments, up to double the standard administration time.
- The proposed legislation will allow a student to request an additional time period to be added to the required time limit for each test.
- To ensure validity and reliability of score interpretations across groups of students, schools, and local education agencies (LEAs), assessments require standardization in administration, including time limits for administration.
- It is unknown what rules and criteria SBE will adopt pursuant to timed assessments or how many students will be granted additional time to complete assessments. However, it is estimated that LEAs will be able to comply with the proposed legislation within existing staff and resources.
- Any local fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- No impact to DOE.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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